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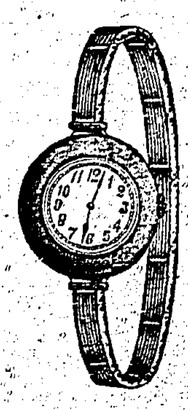
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MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.
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Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

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Chorus.

(3)

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(4)

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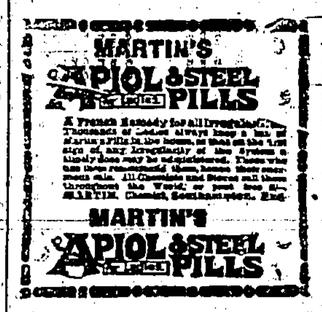
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FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

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2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 7lb. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a mile.

3.—THE VICTORIA STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bona fide griffins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 10lb. Entrance $10. One mile.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a mile.

5.—THE FOOCHOW CUP.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. Handicap for all China ponies that have run at any previous official or Gymkhana Meeting. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. One mile and a half.

6.—THE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 7lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. Allowances accumulative. From the Two Mile Post once round and in.

7.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. $200 added for winner; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous meetings of one race 7lb.; of more than one 14lb.; at this meeting 3lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. One mile.

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9.—THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.—Winner $500; second $250; third $125. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb.; subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 10lb. Winners at this meeting 5lb. extra. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

10.—THE RACING STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 5lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $5. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

1.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season. To be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance $5. Once round.

2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Value $1,000 to winner; second to receive $200; third $100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting of one race 5lb.; of two or more races 7lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 10lb. Previous non-starters at this meeting barred. Entrance $15. From the Two Mile Post once round and in.

3.—THE HONGKONG DERBY.—A Sweepstakes of $20 each with $2,000 added. For China ponies, bona fide griffins on date of entry. First pony to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

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5.—THE CHINA STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting of one race 7lb.; of two or more races 10lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription griffins of seasons 1914-1915 and 1915-1916 that have not won more than one race allowed 10lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $5. Five furlongs.

6.—THE LUSITANO CUP.—Presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Second to receive $200; third $100. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 7lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Winners 7lb. extra. Entrance $10 to go to the winner. One mile.

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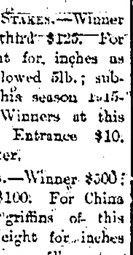
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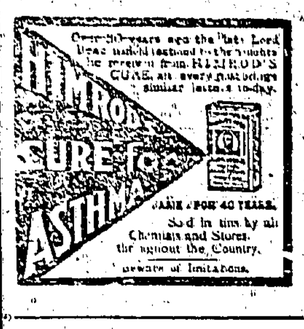
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IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY and MONDAY the 25th and 27th instant,
Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1915. 1086

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.

IN connection with the above Competition, a special train (in addition to the 11.25 train), will leave KOWLOON on December 27th at 11.10 A.M. (last ferry 10.55 A.M.) and is timed to reach SHEUNG SHUI at 11.45 A.M.

There will be accomodation for 50 passengers only.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1915. 1090

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

(BRITISH SECTION).

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Tiffin Train due to leave Kowloon at 1.28 P.M. on SATURDAYS will be suspended on SATURDAY the 25th December and SATURDAY the 1st January next.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, Dec. 22 1915. 1087

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are This Day REMOVED to the Ground Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road Central (formerly occupied by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.)

Telephone numbers in use are 292 and 293 (latter replacing No. 1241), with Sub-Exchange to each Department.

Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1915. 1079

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE.

THE Committee has decided that the following shall be the Settlement Days for the year 1916:—

FRIDAY,	28th January.
MONDAY,	24th February.
WEDNESDAY,	29th March.
THURSDAY,	27th April.
TUESDAY,	30th May.
WEDNESDAY,	28th June.
FRIDAY,	28th July.
TUESDAY,	29th August.
THURSDAY,	28th September.
FRIDAY,	27th October.
TUESDAY,	28th November.
FRIDAY,	22nd December.

By Order of the Committee,
EDWARD M. RAYMOND,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong Stock Exchange.
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1915. 1082

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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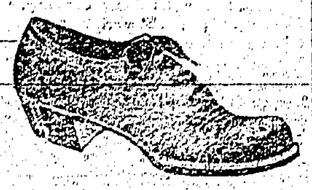
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

(Continued from page 2.)

7.—THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value one hundred guineas. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive $500 and 10 per cent.; second $250 and 20 per cent.; third $125 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the second pony will receive 75 per cent., and third pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance $10. One mile and three quarters.

8.—THE NAVY STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies; subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at any meeting of one race 7lb.; of more than one 14lb. extra; Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. From the Two Mile Post once round and in.

9.—THE "BLACK ROCK" STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5lb.; of two or more races 7lb. extra. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

10.—THE GYMKHANA CLUB CUP.—Presented by the Members of the Gymkhana Club. Value $500 to winner; second to receive $200; third $100. For all China ponies that have run at any Gymkhana Meeting and subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916. Weight 10st. 8lb. Winners of any race other than races confined to subscription griffins 7lb.; of a subscription griffins race 2lb. extra; subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 7lb. Winners at this meeting barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance $5. Three quarters of a mile.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

1.—THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Winners of one race 5lb.; of two or more races 10lb. extra. Subscription griffins allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a mile.

2.—THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting of one race 5lb.; of two or more races 10lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5lb.; subscription griffins of any season non-winners allowed 10lb. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

3.—THE HONGKONG STAKES.—Winner $600; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of the subscription griffins Challenge Cup 7lb. extra; non-winners allowed 3lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10. One mile and a half.

4.—THE LADIES' PURSE.—Presented. $350 added for winner; second to receive $200; third $100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5lb. extra. Jockeys who have had three or more winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin 3lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 4lb. Entrance $10. Once round.

5.—THE AMERICAN CUP.—Presented by American Citizens resident in Hongkong. Second to receive $200; third $100. For China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5lb.; of two races 7lb.; of three or more races 10lb. extra. Subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 allowed 7lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10 to go to the winner. Seven furlongs.

6.—THE PRIORITY STAKES.—Handicap. Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies that have run at any Gymkhana Meeting and griffins on date of entry. Non-starters barred. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

7.—THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Presented by His Excellency Sir F. H. May. Second to receive $250; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5lb.; of two or more races 10lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $10, to go to the winner. One mile.

8.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Winner $2,000; second $500; third $300. For China ponies, winners at this meeting only. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

9.—THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of $5 each with $400 added for winner; second $200; third $100. For China ponies that have run and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. One mile.

10.—THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of $5, each with $300 added for winner; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 that have run and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Five furlongs.

OFF DAY.

SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY.

THE TYTAM HANDICAP.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1915-1916 that have run at the meeting. Entrance $5. Once round.

THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—Winner $500; second $200; third $100. Open to all China ponies entered at this meeting. Entrance $5. One mile and a quarter.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

COMMENDATION.

General Order No. 22 states:—P. C. Ng Kun Gee and P. C. Chan Hung of the Police Reserve are commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for intelligent action in effecting the arrest of a snatcher in Queen's Road Central on the 11th inst."

PARADES, 5.30 P.M.

Monday, January 3rd—Whole of No. 3 Company.
Tuesday, January 4th—Whole of No. 1 Company.
Wednesday, January 5th—Whole of No. 2 Company.

POLICE REGULATION BOOKS.

Copies of the Hongkong Police Regulation Books will be issued to Staff and Company Inspectors on personal application at this office.

TRAMCARS

Members of the Police Reserve are warned that in exercising the privilege of travelling free on the cars of the Hongkong Tramway Co., they must on no account board or travel on a car the regulation seating accommodation on which is already occupied, or travel on the steps or Driver's platform. To do so is a breach of the Co's Bye-Laws, in the enforcement of which the Police are required to assist.

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3 pts. Medoc Superieur, 2 bots. Light Dry Sherry, 2 bots. Full Rich Port, 2 bots. Gin, 1 bot. xxxxx Brandy, 2 bots. Red Seal Whisky.

$25 a Case.

1 qt. Louis Roederer Champagne, 1 qt. Sparkling Red Burgundy, 1 qt. Old White Port, 1 qt. Vino de Pasto Sherry, 3 pts. Medoc Superieur, 1 qt. Graves, 2 bots. B. & W. Whisky 1 pt. Peppermint.

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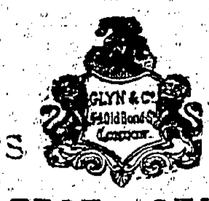
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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1916, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND above Kennedy Road and South of I.L. 1216, Robinson Road respectively, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rents to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Crown Rent	Upset Price
1	Above Kennedy Road. Inland Lot No. 1158.	As per sale plan	20,771 about	184	$ 2,712
2	South of Inland Lot No. 1158, and No. 1216, Robinson Road. Inland Lot No. 2154.	As per sale plan	55,112 about	490	10,000

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MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Christmas Day: Public Holiday.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, Dec. 27 :—

Public Holiday.

Mixed Fun somes Competition at Fan Ling.

Boxing Day Dance at the Hongkong Hotel

TUESDAY, Dec. 28 :—

President Wilson's Birthday (1856)

FRIDAY, December 31 :—

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New Year's Eve Dance at the Hongkong Hotel.

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CHRISTMASTIDE.

THIS being Christmas Eve, we offer our readers the customary Christmas Greetings. The greatest war in the world's history, with all its appalling sacrifice of life, cannot entirely banish from our thoughts the time-honoured associations of the Christmas Season. Indeed, we are told in the cables to-day that even on the field of battle "Christmas promises to be most cheerful," and that the authorities have arranged for the distribution of plum puddings to the entire army! We who eat our Christmas puddings in more comfortable surroundings will not forget the tremendous debt we owe to the great armies of gallant men who have responded so nobly to the call of patriotism and have kept our shores inviolate. Christmas is essentially a home festival and is so observed among our chief enemies in this war as among our friends, and the associations of the season inevitably incline our thoughts to considerations of peace. But peace, we know, is impossible until the dragon of Prussian Militarism is finally crushed. It will be devoutly hoped that this may soon be accomplished and that our soldiers will be able to enjoy their next Christmas puddings in the quietude and joy of their own homes.

THE SINKING OF THE YASAKA-MARU.

THERE is still an absence of detailed information regarding the sinking of the *Yasaka-Maru*, one of the last and largest liners of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's fine fleet, but it is a relief to know that the passengers and crew are safe. She had a long passenger list, a cable tells us, as well as a valuable cargo, but it would not astonish anybody to learn when the full details come to hand, that the safety of the passengers and crew was due rather to the fact that the ship took so long to sink than to any special care being taken by the commander of the submarine to ensure their safety. As we stated in our report of the occurrence last night, the *Yasaka* and the other steamers of her class were constructed with complete cellular double bottoms divided into numerous water-tight compartments, and so far as the ordinary perils of the sea are concerned these ships were regarded as practically unsinkable. When we recall that the *Lusitania* sank in less than a quarter of an hour, we may conclude from the fact that the *Yasaka-Maru* took forty-five minutes to sink, that the precautions taken by the builders proved of some use in a peril which, before this war broke out, no ship constructor dreamt that a passenger liner would ever have to guard against. We have ceased to be surprised at any barbarity the Teuton pirates may commit or attempt to commit.

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This is the first loss that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has had on the European run since the service was inaugurated, some sixteen or seventeen years ago. The line has become extremely popular with travellers of every nationality, and the report that in this sudden calamity the discipline on the *Yasaka-Maru* was perfect, justifies the confidence which the travelling public has reposed in the sturdy Japanese sailor. The *Yasaka-Maru* had a Japanese commander and her entire ship's complement was Japanese. While we sympathise with the Company in the loss of a very fine ship, the disaster has some compensation for the owners if it has demonstrated to the whole world that the Japanese merchant sailor can be depended upon in the hours of difficulty and danger to show the same cool courage and heroism that the world long ago learnt to associate with the men of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Navy.

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We call well believe that the news of this dastardly piracy will be received throughout Japan with intense indignation. If it is true that since the fall of Tsingtao the Japanese people have almost ceased to believe that they are still at war with the Central Powers of Europe, the effect of this reminder will doubtless be electrical in changing apathy and indifference among the mass of the Japanese people into eagerness and determination to assist the Government to do all in its power to assist the crusade against Teutonic barbarism.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow being Christmas Day there will be no issue of the *China Mail*.

The muzzling of dogs order in Hongkong has been withdrawn.

A shop coolie at 338 Queen's Road Central is missing, also $271.35 belonging to his employer.

Mrs. C. Humphreys, of Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon, reports the theft of an aigrette &c. valued at $220.

An armed robbery early yesterday morning is reported from Ngau Tau Kok men with iron bars and revolvers terrifying the inmates and ransacking the place.

A big crowd watched the departure of the political fugitive, Hung Shiu Lung, from the gaol this morning when he was taken down to the Supreme Court to hear the judgment on his application for release.

A British Chamber of Commerce has been formed at Chefoo. Mr G. A. Coombe, H.B.M. Consul called the meeting for the purpose of considering the formation of such a body. A Committee of five were selected to represent the interests of the British merchants in Chefoo.

The General Officer Commanding has approved of the acceptance of the offer of the Officer Commanding Wing 4th Battalion K.S.L.I. to furnish the duties at the Prisoners of War Camp and Gun Club Hill on Saturday, the 25th instant. The members of the Volunteer Reserve will not therefore be required to attend. There will be no parades for the Reserves during the week ending Saturday, the 1st January next.

A Christmas Tea and a Social were the main attractions at an entertainment given last night to which the men of the Royal Engineers and the Army Service Corps, were invited. Lavish decorations included a huge Christmas tree which had been secured from Stonecutters' Island. It was laden with toys and other articles. Colonel Darlin R.E. performed the impersonation of Father Christmas, and he, along with Captain Fordham, R.E., Capt and Mrs Milner-Jones, Capt and Mrs W. L. Carter, Miss Lammert, and Lieut. Wahl R.E., carried out the decoration of the tree. A cinematograph entertainment was also arranged and an orchestra, composed of Cpl. Perrin, piano; Corpl. White, violin; and Sergt. Jenkin, piccolo, gave a much appreciated programme.

DEATH OF MRS MURRAY BAIN.

We deeply regret to announce that as we go to press news reaches us of the death at Ningpo of Mrs. Murray Bain, widow of the late Mr. George Murray Bain, who for so many years was associated with the "China Mail." Mrs. Bain, who was staying with her married daughter, Mrs. Edwards, at Ningpo, had been ill for about a week past, but news of her death was not expected.

FUGITIVE'S APPEAL UPHELD.

THE CASE OF THE REBEL HUNG SHIU LUNG.

The extradition proceedings against Hung Shiu Lung, who declared he was a revolutionary were completed this morning when the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, and Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, Puisne Judge, sitting in the Supreme Court, declared that the rule under a writ of *Habeas Corpus* must be made absolute and the fugitive entitled to his discharge.

The Crown was represented by the Attorney General (Mr J. H. Kemp) Mr E. H. Sharp K.C., and Mr F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr P. M. Hodgson, Crown Solicitor).

The fugitive's appeal was supported by Mr Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr G. R. Hall Bruton).

We take the following excerpts from their Lordships' judgments:—

The Chief Justice: This case raises questions of great importance and has involved arguments on, I think, practically all aspects of the extradition law.... I have had occasion in two recent cases to examine the authorities as to the duty of this Court in relation to the decision of a Magistrate under the Extradition Ordinance. They lay down briefly that the Court is not a Court of Appeal from the Magistrate on questions of fact but has only to see that he had such evidence before him as gives him authority and jurisdiction to commit; that the sufficiency of the evidence to justify commitment is a question entirely for the Magistrate; and that the decision of a Magistrate that the offence charged, is not of a political character is subject to review by the Court. As to the finding of the Magistrate it is clear that he regards the discretionary power conferred upon him as alternative or two-fold. He says "It is the duty of the Magistrate, firstly in his opinion, to see if the evidence is sufficient to put the accused upon his trial or, secondly if it raises a strong and probable presumption of the guilt of the accused." If the evidence raises a strong and probable presumption of guilt it is undoubtedly sufficient to put the accused upon his trial and would appear to involve something more than the evidence necessary to establish a *prima facie* case, and this is demonstrated, if proof is necessary by the discrimination shown in Act. 7. Geo. 4 Cap. 64 in limiting the power of a single justice to a case where a strong presumption of guilt exists, whereas no such limitation was placed upon the power of two or more justices. He had no hesitation in construing the words of the Extradition Act as conferring two alternatives on the Magistrate in his power to commit. I cannot accept Mr Potter's contention that the Magistrate to justify a committal must find a probable presumption which is the minimum ground upon which he can commit nor can I find any ground for holding that the first alternative, i.e. the *prima facie* case governs the discretion of the Magistrate at the close of the Crown's witnesses, whereas the second alternative must be called in aid after evidence for the defence has been called and the Magistrate is considering the evidence as a whole.

During the hearing of the argument I strongly, at one time inclined to the view that the language of the Magistrate was not a mere expression of serious doubt as to the guilt of the fugitive, but was tantamount to a refusal to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on him by relegating to a jury "the court of trial"—the duty of deciding a case where a *prima facie* case was not in his opinion made out on the ground that there was legal evidence on which a jury could possibly convict. If this view was the correct one, I should have no hesitation in holding that it is an abuse of the Magistrate's power in as much as it is tantamount to a refusal to exercise the power which the law gives him. The Crown has, however urged upon the Court that the language of the Magistrate is not open to such a construction and that it amounts to an expression of strong doubt on the part of the Magistrate as to the guilt of the fugitive, but that he decides to commit for trial as there is evidence which a jury, viewing the evidence differently may convict upon without the possibility of their verdict being set aside. By this I think we must assume that the Magistrate, in his reference to a jury or "The Court of trial" must be taken to have implied that there is such evidence as a jury viewing the whole of the evidence reasonably could probably convict upon and that the reference to the conviction being set aside "on the ground of absence of evidence" must be constructed to mean such evidence as a jury could reasonably and properly convict upon.

I have arrived at the conclusion that on reading the judgment as a whole we are not doing violence to its language in placing the construction which I have upon it. It was contended and I think with some force that if a Magistrate having formed, as the magistrate has here, strong opinions in favour of the innocence of the accused, is to commit the fugitive in defiance of those opinions that the discretion given him by the law is a mere nullity and his position is purely ministerial. For these reasons I am of opinion that the Magistrate's committal should not be interfered with on this ground.

I proceed to consider the next point under section 4 of the Ordinance. The Magistrate is required to give an express finding whether in his opinion the requisition for the fugitive's surrender has in fact been made with a view to try and punish him for an offence of a political character.

The Magistrate dealt with the point as follows: "The duty of the Magistrate to form an opinion in this matter is clear and I have formed an opinion; any action to be taken on the opinion formed, has to be taken not by the Magistrate but by the Governor. In my view the Magistrate's duty is completed when he had communicated his opinion to the Governor. I have already done this; it is no part of the Magistrate's duty to inform the fugitive of his opinion." The section protects the fugitive from surrender "if he proves to to the satisfaction of the Magistrate" that the requisition is made to punish him for a political offence. A similar protection is afforded on such proof, either to the Court on *Habeas Corpus* proceedings or to the Governor but I am not constrained for the moment to deal with these alternatives. I must observe firstly that the statute is a penal one affecting the liberty of the subject and must be construed strictly; and secondly, that the Magistrate has expressly declined to inform the fugitive of the conclusion which he has come to on the point. In fact, the solicitor for the fugitive states in his affidavit that the Magistrate, although requested by Counsel so to do, declined in his judgment to state the conclusion at which he had arrived on this point. . . . . As I have pointed out the restriction on surrender vests equally in the Magistrate, the Court and the Governor and the power of the Court and the Governor to intervene is shared equally with the Magistrate. I am clearly of opinion therefore that the Magistrate is required to give a finding to the fugitive as to whether he is satisfied on the evidence tendered by the fugitive or not, "that the requisition for his surrender, has in fact been made with a view to try and punish him for an offence of a political character." His decision is subject to review by this Court. He is obliged to express an opinion on the point although no power is expressively given to the Magistrate to discharge the fugitive if he is satisfied on this point. The words "He shall not be surrendered" is a matter appertaining to the Executive, in which the Magistrate is not concerned." It was also pointed out by Counsel for the fugitive, and I agree, that if the Magistrate's view is correct that his duty on this point is completed when he has communicated his opinion to the Governor such an intimation would have been expressly provided for in the particulars of the report which he has to furnish to the Governor after committal. The obligation on the Magistrate in my opinion is clear that "the fugitive should be informed whether, or no he has satisfied the Magistrate on the evidence tendered that he is entitled to his liberty. The action of the Magistrate on this point amounts to a failure to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on him. It is based I think on a mistaken view of the law and in itself must vitiate the committal. I cannot assent to the suggestion put forward by the Crown that the Magistrate's opinion on the point is covered by the warrant of committal which is merely the authority given to the Prison Authorities for the detention of the accused; or that the Magistrate's intimation in his judgment that he had communicated his opinion to the Governor, from which no discharge by the Governor followed, was a sufficient intimation on which the fugitive could assume that the representation of the Magistrate was hostile to him. The fugitive was entitled to an explicit finding on the law and in the event of the finding being against the fugitive he is entitled to produce further evidence under *Habeas Corpus*. On the further question that we should remit the case to the Magistrate to give a finding on this point, in my opinion we should not. In the present case the Magistrate with all the necessary evidence before him has declined to exercise a power conferred by law upon him; and whatever the consequences may have been has deprived the fugitive of a legal right.

Then arises the question: Has the fugitive satisfied this Court that the requisition for his surrender has in fact been made to try or punish him for an offence of political character? . . . . I am clearly of opinion that the undertaking given to the Executive authority is no bar to the duty which is placed in the Court of investigating the allegation of the fugitive. In so far as the undertaking before us is concerned, it is no part of this Court's prerogative to deal with it. I may observe however, that the findings of the Court on the evidence before it implied no want of *bona fides* on the part of the high official who has given the assurances based undoubtedly on representations made to him from what doubtless he regards as trustworthy sources. . . . If the evidence of the witness called for the Crown from Sam-to-chuk, the *bona fides* of whom was seriously questioned by the Magistrate, is false, it amounts to a conspiracy to convict this man of an offence of which he is innocent and I think no jury could have the least doubt as to the motive which dictated such a conspiracy. It is admitted that the fugitive was a political rebel, and in various official documents from the Government Gazette of Canton, he was stigmatised as a rebel of the worst kind. These documents can leave no doubt but that up to January 1915 the fugitive was required as a rebel. I have read the evidence of the Crown witnesses from the village and I think that it is surrounded by such grave doubts as to fully justify the opinion which the Magistrate had formed. The fugitive says the whole story of the alleged murder is an invention; that the cook if he ever existed was never killed and that the coffin and grave are purely mythical and merely the finishing touches to adorn the tale. Such a plot as alleged if it were not seriously put forward in a case of the highest importance would savour more of comic opera than incidents in real life. The conclusion I arrive at is that while the gravest suspicions attached to the Crown's witnesses from Sam-to-chuk, that the official documents which offered every possible inducement for the arrest of "the rebel" and are entirely silent on the alleged extradition crime, can leave no reasonable doubt as to the reasons which prompt the requisition for his surrender. I am of opinion that the requisition has been made with a view to punish the fugitive for an offence of a political character and in my opinion the Rule must be made absolute and the fugitive is entitled to his discharge.

The Puisne Judge also gave a lengthy judgment in which he gave his reasons for arriving at the same conclusion as the Chief Justice.

Later in the morning Hung Shiu Lung was brought to the Court and Mr Justice Gompertz announced to him the decision of the Court and ordered his discharge.

Hung Shiu Lung thanked his Lordship.

On retiring from the Court a large crowd of Chinese followed the discharged prisoner who was re-arrested as he left the building on a warrant for his deportation. One Chinese who held Hung Shiu Lung and resisted the Police, striking one of the Chinese detectives, was also arrested. Hung Shiu Lung was then taken back to Victoria Gaol.

FIRE AT KOWLOON.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

Fire which broke out at a shipbuilding yard in Canton Road, Mong Kok, yesterday afternoon, and spread to an adjoining engineering yard and sugar candy factory and store, did damage estimated at $56,250. Of this $55,000 damage was done to the sugar factory, where the stores of sugar and candy proved very inflammable and practically the whole of the stores and the sugar-boiling plant was destroyed. The damage there is understood to be largely covered by insurance.

Engine Drivers Grant and Fowler of the Fire Brigade, which, with the Fire Float and the Yaumati Brigade, was early on the scene, received slight injuries from falling material.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"PIPES FOR MEN IN THE TRENCHES."

(*To the Editor of the* "CHINA MAIL.")

DEAR SIR,—Last month you very kindly allowed me through the columns of your paper to thank numerous ladies and gentlemen who had contributed towards a Fund to purchase Pipes for our brave soldiers who are nobly and cheerfully enduring the terrible hardships and discomforts of trench life during a severe winter's campaign. Since the last acknowledgment was published, I have received contributions amounting to $120 from the following to whom I desire to express my appreciation of their kindness:—"Aunt Anne," J.B., W. G. Humphreys, R.D.H., C. Hodgson (Canton); Mrs Evan Jones; J.J.; H.W.L.; C.L.; A. M. Lossius; Mrs M. Kemp; Mrs Maitland; C. H. Shields (Canton); William and Kathleen Williams; Tregunter (H.P.W.), Mrs Hallward.

Lists Nos. 1 to 3 (already acknowledged)	$684.75
List No. 6 (acknowledged above)	120.00
Total amount collected	$804.75
Remitted on the 13th Nov. 1915	600.00
Balance in hand.....	$204.75

Pipes are still badly needed by our brave fighting men in France, The Dardanelles, and in fact everywhere else where they are being employed to repel the invasion of a powerful enemy. I therefore beg permission to remind readers of your paper, that the Pipe Fund will be kept open until further notice. Every five dollars will purchase two dozen briar pipes. I shall be extremely grateful to all who help me to obtain another $200 before the end of the year.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

ETHEL H. HARVEY,

"Albertholwyn"

14 Peak Road.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1915.

IN AID OF WAR CHARITIES.

MR. DENMAN EULER'S RECITALS AT CANTON.

The proceeds of the piano and organ recitals given at Canton recently by Mr. Denman Euller, F.C.O., Organist of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, totalled $554.15. Considering the smallness of the community and the bad state of the weather at the time the result is remarkable.

The proceeds have been allocated as follows:

British Women's Work Association	$254.15
Fund for Blind Soldiers and Sailors	200.00
Russian Red Cross Society	100.00
	$554.15

THE MAGISTRACY.

A Chinese found with 24 rounds of ammunition on the "Nam Hoi" was fined $50 to-day.

Charged on remand with snatching a bangle from a child of two years, a Chinese was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, twelve strokes of birch, and four hours' stocks.

Two Indians were before Mr Wood this afternoon charged respectively with stealing and receiving a uniform belonging to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

Mr J. H. Gardner appeared for the first man.

Evidence was given of the property being found, while making inquiries about other stolen property, in the first man's quarters in the second man's box.

The case was adjourned.

LEAVING HARBOUR WITHOUT NOTICE TO POST OFFICE.

The master of the s.s. Seang Taik Hong was fined $5 by Mr. Wood this morning for leaving the harbour without giving notice to the Post Office. Mr. Haywood defended. Mr. Wolfe, the Postmaster General, who prosecuted, said that in a case when an outward mail to Amoy was missed through a Japanese steamer failing to give such notice, a gentleman wrote a long screed to the papers about it. The Post Office and public had to be protected.

A DISHONEST LUKONG.

Yeung Yuk, a lukong on duty at the Central Police Station, was charged in Mr. Wood's court this morning with converting and applying to his own use the sum of $475, money entrusted to him between January 1st and December 15th last at the Central Police Station for the payment of petty expenses; and further with stealing $22.60, money taken by him in the course of his duty as police constable.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WATCH the children's colds and cure them before they weaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly safe. It has been tested by chemists and pronounced free from injurious substances and costs but a trifle. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPORTING.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following will play at Kowloon on Boxing Day, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—

Major Morgan (Capt.), F. H. Baker, P. R. Butler, F. W. Carey, Major Harris Edge, J. Glaister, E. W. Hamilton, C. A. Hooper, P. Jacks, F. A. Redmond, A. Whitmarsh.

Association Football.

The Hongkong Club defeated Belchers by four goals to love yesterday afternoon. Walker and Charsels were the scorers.

An Exhibition Match.

MILITARY v. "THE REST."

The following teams will represent the Military and "The Rest of the Colony" in an exhibition game in aid of the Tobacco Fund for Troops at the Front on the ground of the Hongkong F. C. on Boxing-Day, the kick-off being at 3 p.m.:—

MILITARY—Rogers (R.E.), goal; Caple (R.G.A.) and Coxon (R.E., Captain), backs; Smith (R.E.), right half; Williams (K.S.L.I.), centre-half; Townsend (R.G.A.), left half; Youngman (R.G.A.) and Townsend (R.E.), right wing; Davies (A.O.C.), centre-forward; Swan (R.G.A.) and Peplow (K.S.L.I.) left wing. Reserves Russell (K.S.L.I.) and Pearce (R.E.).

THE REST.—Caird (Navy), goal; Fennemore (Navy), right back, and M. L. Railton (Hongkong), left back; Rowbottom (Navy), right half; J. Stewart (Hongkong), centre-half; and P. R. Chassels (Hongkong), left half; Hopper (Navy) and J. Stalker (Hongkong, Captain), right wing; W. V. Pennell (Hongkong), centre forward; H. McTavish (Hongkong) and Scott (Navy), left wing. Reserves—J. Rodger (Hongkong), Martin (Navy).

The Military will play in R.G.A. colours and "The Rest" in Club colours.

Referee—Mr F. W Wright, Linesmen, Mr W. F. Knapton and Gunner Payne.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Bishop of Victoria will be preacher at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, to-morrow, Christmas Day, morning at the 11 a.m. service.

The quarterly united meeting of intercession will be held at St. Paul's College on Tuesday next Dec. 28th at 6 p.m.

The week of prayer from January 3rd to 7th will be observed in Hongkong by united meetings at 5.30 p.m. in the City Hall from Monday to Thursday and on Saturday at 12.30 p.m., the meeting on Friday being held at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon at 5.30. p.m.

SUICIDE IN GAOL.

A Chinese in custody at the Victoria Gaol on remand inflicted serious injuries on himself yesterday afternoon by stabbing himself in the side with a knife he had procured in some way unknown, and has since died. An inquiry will be held in due course.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

LEAVE.

Pte. F. S. Thomson is granted leave of absence from 28.12.15 to 28.2.16.

TRANSFER.

Private F. H. Dillon from Civil Service Company to Engineer Company, dated 23.12.15.

PARADES.

Parades for Saturday, 25th inst., Sunday, 26th inst., and Monday, 27th inst.: Nil.

Parades for Tuesday, 28th inst:—

7 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15—Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Co.—Machine Gun drill at Kowloon Docks. Launch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Section Arty. Batty.—10 pdr. drill at Headquarters. Sergt. Bradley will attend.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M.G. Co.—Bayonet fighting at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. No. 3 Section Scouts Co.—Machine Gun drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units—Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under Sergt.-Major Higby.

5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section—Instruction at Headquarters.

DETAIL.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—

On duty until morning of 26th inst.: H.K.V.R.

On duty 26th inst. to 2nd prox.: Right Section M.G. Co. Officer on duty: Lieut. Kennett.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon:—

On duty until morning of 26th inst.: H.K.V.R.

On duty 26th inst.: Scouts Company. Officer on duty: Capt. Stewart.

On duty 27th inst.: Scouts Company. Officer on duty: Lieut. Weall.

On duty 28th inst.: Scouts Company. Officer on duty: Lieut. Murphy.

Orderly Sergeant from December 26th to January 2nd: Corpl. W. Brown.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE YASAKA-MARU.

"PERFECT DISCIPLINE."

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The N.Y.K. liner *Yasaka Maru* went down in 45 minutes.

There was perfect discipline on the vessel. She was a vessel of 10,932 tons and was bound from London to Japan. She was only built last year.

She had a long passenger list and a valuable cargo. The loss may amount to a million pounds sterling falling on the insurance market, according to the papers.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha kindly forward us copies of the following telegrams—one received from the Head Office of the Company in Tokyo, and the other from the London Office of the Company:—

EXPLANATION.

TOKYO, Dec. 23.

Port Said telegraphs on the 22nd inst., "Yasaka Maru" torpedoed without warning on Tuesday afternoon. Ship sank in forty-nine minutes. All passengers and crew saved and picked up by a French gunboat at midnight; landed at Port Said to-day. Accommodation provided for passengers and crew. Have telegraphed London Office for instructions. Passengers express great admiration of the skill of the Captain and Officers and the discipline of the crew. The most perfect order was maintained during the disembarkation, which was carried out with the greatest promptitude.

KONDO.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

"Yasaka Maru" all passengers, crew saved, landed Port Said. Arrangements for forwarding destinations having every attention.

ITO.

CASUALTIES AT THE DARDANELLES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant announced that the casualties at the 11th December, including Naval casualties was 112,021, of whom 1,609 officers and 23,670 men were killed or had died.

The sick received into the hospitals between April 25th and December 12th numbered 96,683.

The wounded numbered 2,966 officers and 72,222 men.

The missing numbered 337 officers and 12,114 men.

There was every hope of sickness decreasing.

V.C. GAINED IN EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Lieut. Wilbur Dartnell of the Frontiersmen.

During a mounted infantry engagement at Maktan, East Africa, the enemy got within a few yards; hence it was impossible to rescue the more severely wounded. Lieut. Dartnell was being carried away wounded. Seeing the situation, and knowing that the enemy's black troops killed the wounded, he insisted on being left behind in the hope of saving others. Thus he gave his own life.

THE MUENSTER EXPLOSION.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.

The *Telegraaf* states that 400 persons, mostly wives and children of soldiers at the front, were killed in the Muenster explosion.

TARRED AND FEATHERED.

A MELBOURNE INCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23.

A party of men invaded the offices of the Clerks' Union and tarred and feathered the mover of a resolution which was passed at a meeting in the Town Hall on the 17th inst. requesting Trade Unionists to disregard the recruiting circulars.

The victim was bundled into the street, where the police protected him from the crowd.

AMAZING AIR EXPLOIT.

GAINS THE VICTORIA CROSS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

An amazing air exploit has gained the Victoria Cross for Second Lieut. G. S. Insall. While patrolling in Flanders in a Vickers fighting machine, with mechanic T. H. Donald as gunner, he attacked a German aeroplane which led him over a rocket battery. He dived, however, and fusiladed the German machine. The latter dived through a cloud but the British machine followed and downed the German in a ploughed field.

Lieut. Insall, despite heavy German fire, dived again and destroyed the German machine with an incendiary bomb and returned low, fast firing into the German trenches, finally gaining the British lines.

The Germans fired 150 shells at the machine while it was on the ground, but it got home safely.

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

MANIFESTO BY FINANCIAL LEADERS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A manifesto to the nation, signed by eighteen of the leading bankers and financiers, declares that the mobilisation of the whole of the nation's financial resources must now be undertaken with courage and vigour. With everyone anxious to do his bit in financing the War it can and will be accomplished, and ultimate victory will be assured.

The manifesto says the Allied fleets, by the stoppage of the enemy's foreign commerce, has seriously diminished his financial strength. Simultaneously the Military strength of the Allies ashore has steadily increased.

There is only one thing needed to secure victory, namely to provide money to support the vast new armies and pay for the vast quantities of munitions which are being manufactured everywhere.

It will be a world task finding the immense sums needed by the Allies, and it devolves specially on the British people, whose manufacturing power is unimpaired by invasion, whose cities are not destroyed, whose income is undiminished and whose exports are still greater than they were ten years ago.

It will be a stupendous task raising sixteen hundred millions in the current fiscal year and eighteen hundred millions in the next fiscal year; it will try the mettle of the nation to the utmost, and demand the strenuous co-operation of every individual, and the concentration of their energies solely on the production of essentials. All classes must husband their income most carefully.

THE CHANGE IN THE COMMANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Tennant, replying in the House of Commons to a question, said it was not thought desirable to publish the names of officers who had been relieved of command at the front. None had been cashiered.

THE POSITION AT ADEN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying in the House of Commons to a question, said the position at Aden had not changed for half a year. On the 20th inst. there was a skirmish in which the enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner, and we had one wounded.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Press Bureau states that Headquarters reports artillery activity, at many points in the last twenty-four hours, especially about Fricourt and on both sides of the La Bassee Canal and Ypres. Our artillery replied effectively.

THE BALKANS.

IMPENDING GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

ATHENS, Dec. 21.

The Central Powers are concentrating their forces at Gevgheli and are expected to take the offensive this week.

DEATH OF GENERAL EMMICH.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.

General Emmich, the victor of Liege, has died at Hanover.

RUSSIAN NAVAL ACTIVITY AT VARNA.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.

It is authoritatively stated that on the 21st inst. two Russian torpedo-boats chased a Bulgarian torpedo-boat into the bay of Varna where the coast batteries fired ineffectively on the pursuers.

During the raid two Turkish petrol ships were sunk and the crews captured.

THE FORD PEACE EXPEDITION.

DEATH OF ONE OF THE COMPANY.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 23.

Mr. Lloyd Kingham, Manager of the New York Theatre, a member of Mr. Ford's Peace Expedition, has died of pneumonia.

FURTHER ADVANCE AT HARTMANNSWEILER.

PARIS, Dec. 23.

A *communique* says there has been artillery grenade activity except a Hartmannsweiler where the French right advanced the day long. The position on the left wing is unchanged.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

HAS AMERICA SENT AN ULTIMATUM?

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

The newspapers unanimously declare that the United States has sent an ultimatum to Austria.

ANOTHER SPY ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

An Irishman named Justice, an employee of a steamship company which is a subsidiary company of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie, has been arrested on a charge of attempting to obtain information regarding Canadian military activities.

DECORATION FOR AN INDIAN HAVILDAR.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Indian Order of Merit of the second class has been conferred on Havildar Abakhan, of the 40th Pathans for gallantry and distinguished service in France.

CONSTANTINOPLE DYNAMITE DEPOT EXPLODED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.

An official telegram from Constantinople reports an explosion at a dynamite depot, whereby 15 persons were killed and a number wounded.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MILLION MORE MEN.

NECESSITY FOR ADEQUATE RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The House of Commons has agreed to vote an additional million men.

Mr. Tennant, in the course of the discussion, said he hoped that the number of young unmarried men who had not yet come forward would be negligible. He believed that the great majority of the country, and a large proportion of the Members of Parliament were prepared to support the Government if it was found necessary to resort to compulsion. Referring to the necessity for adequate reserves, Mr. Tennant mentioned that the wastage at the front was fifteen per cent. monthly.

THE LATE SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir Thomas Jackson died suddenly while transacting business at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

HEAVY TURKISH LOSSES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.

A *communique* states that the Russians inflicted very heavy losses on the Turks near Olty.

GRECO-BULGARIAN INCIDENT.

THREE HOURS' ENGAGEMENT.

ATHENS, Dec. 22.

Unofficial details of the Koritza incident state that a Bulgarian detachment suddenly attacked, on the pretext of pursuing a small Serbian force. The Greek guards defended, and after a three hours' engagement the Bulgars retreated with serious losses. The Government made representations to Germany and Bulgaria, and have been assured that the Bulgarian officer responsible will be punished.

ENEMY QUIET ON GREEK FRONT.

SALONIKA, Dec. 23.

The situation at the front is stationary. The enemy has not yet shown signs of invading Greek territory.

ADVANCES TO BRITISH FIRMS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna announced that the Treasury, in the early days of the war, advanced £200,000,000 in the United Kingdom to enable firms to meet their obligations. Eighty-two per cent. of this had been repaid.

PENSIONED SUBADAR MAJORS HONOURED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The following pensioned Subadar Majors, formerly belonging to the regiments indicated, have been Gazetted Honorary Captains in recognition of valuable services rendered during the war:—Gir Dhari, formerly 42nd. Regt., Sur Ja, 48th. Regt., and Kudhan Ali Khan, 109th. Regt.

The following have been Gazetted Honorary Lieutenants:—Shahw Ali Khan, 108th. Regt., Sitaramg Sogle, 117th. Regt., and Hira Singh, 14th Regt.

FOMENTING STRIKES IN AMERICA.

LABOUR LEADER'S TESTIMONY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

Mr. Gompers, President of the National Labour Union, testified before the Federal Grand Jury that what he had seen in the way of the fomenting of strikes was not only morally wrong but exceedingly likely to lead America into war.

FURTHER INCREASE OF FREIGHTS PROBABLE.

GOVERNMENT'S HEAVY DEMANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The *Times* thinks that freights may still rule higher if the Government's present heavy demands on the mercantile marine recur. The regular lines are daily refusing offers of freight. The *Times* estimates that the total amount of British shipping now in Government service is equal to the whole of the German shipping before the war. The profits of British owners are enormous, though they are less than what neutrals are making. However, the withdrawal from Gallipoli should relieve the situation, which is so acute that the Government cannot ignore it.

CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES.

"PROMISES TO BE MOST CHEERFUL."

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters in France states that though the weather is depressing, Christmas in the British trenches promises to be most cheerful. The trenches are quite comfortable when compared with what they were in 1914, and the troops are additionally conscious of their superiority over the enemy. The authorities have arranged for the distribution of Christmas puddings to the entire army.

There will be certainly no amenities, and nothing in the nature of a truce. All the British ranks are bidden to remember that war is war, and that the Germans invariably have a sinister motive in all they do, especially under the guise of friendly sentiment. The admonition is unanimously and cordially approved in the trenches.

THE INDIAN ARMY.

PAY OF OFFICER PRISONERS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr Chamberlain said that the Indian Army officers who are prisoners of war receive, after sixty-one days on full Indian pay, British pay and allowances, or Indian Army leave pay, whichever was the greater. It was not considered that any alteration would be required.

DUTCH EDITOR RELEASED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.

Dr. Schroeder, Editor-in-Chief of the *Telegraaf*, has been released.

GERMANS DEPRESSED BY REICHSTAG DEBATES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The debates in the Reichstag have depressed the Germans.

The *Vorwaerts* emphasizes that Herr Helfferich has abandoned his prospect of war indemnities, and says that Germany, even if indemnified, must starve on a great scale for years.

Twenty-one Socialists have seceded from their party, and formed an independent organisation.

PEACE TALK IN THE SWISS PARLIAMENT.

BERNE, Dec. 23.

Replying to a Socialist interpellation suggesting that the Federal Council should offer their good offices for the conclusion of an armistice, or for paving a way to peace negotiations, M. Hoffman, head of the Political Department, on behalf of the Council, while sympathizing with the suggestion, said that it was foredoomed to failure, and it might be misunderstood. Until both sides favoured peace outside interference would be prejudicial.

AN INVESTITURE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

His Majesty the King, at Buckingham Palace, invested Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur A. Barrett as Knight Commander of the Star of India.

(Havas Service.)

FRENCH NATIVE ARMY.

PARIS, Dec. 20.

The President of the French Republic yesterday signed a Decree authorizing the natives of the French Colonies and Dominions to contract an engagement for 18 years in a Corps of the Army determined by the Secretary of War and outside their Colony. This Decree is to be put into force in Indo-China, Madagascar, Central Africa, Somaliland Coast, New Caledonia and Oceania.

WAR AND NEUROTIC WOMEN.

HEALTH IMPROVED BY HARD WORK.

Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser lectured in London on "Woman's Health and Fitness" at the Institute of Hygiene.

She said that the one occupation the average man considered entirely suitable for women was that of charring. It was a remarkable fact that the collective health of the women of the country under the hard work and strain of the present time was improving. They had, therefore, one more convention regarding their sex in the melting pot. Woman was neither delicate nor fragile. She was tough and resistent. Where were all the neurotic women to-day? Most of them were cured and cheerily doing their bit in hospitals, depots, canteens, and munition works, because the neurotic woman had generally considerable energy which in the past had no sort of outlet. Indeed the leisured, protected, or economically useless woman never had a chance before to show what she could do. Ninety per cent of the nurses of the country would play as fine a part as Nurse Cavell if the opportunity served.

The first duty of many woman was to stay in their own houses and look after the children, because there never was a time when child-life was as valuable as now. She once heard it said that a baby was worth £5 to the State. They might now put it at £100 at least, and with every year the child life was more and more valuable; so that the woman who was rearing four or five children in the home and doing it well was working for the nation. To do that she must keep herself up to a fair level of health and fitness.

Every woman had an economic, a biological, and a social value. The economic value depended on her efficiency as a worker. Trained women, other things being equal, were the more valuable national asset. A woman's biological value was concerned with her health, her ability to bear and rear children of a fine type. Women must therefore realize their duty of keeping at their highest pitch of health, and they must better safeguard the expectant mother, married or unmarried. The woman's social value lay in her power of sympathy and service. Much had been asked of women, and more would be asked in the months to come. Many occupations, in the past followed by men, could be undertaken by women. Women could take the place of curates, releasing them for such work as driving ambulances or helping in hospitals.

To-day's Advertisements

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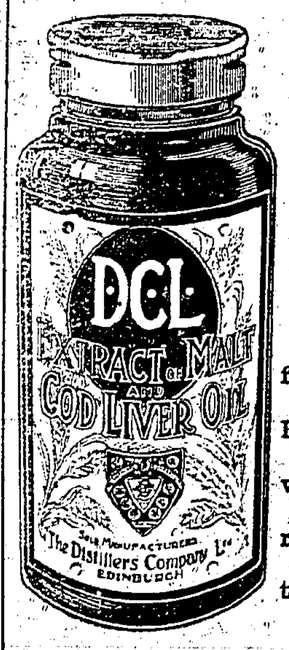
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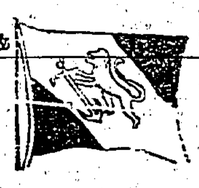
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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Acting Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1915. 108

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VIEWS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT WANTED.

The following letter has been forwarded to us by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for publication:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1915.

Sir,

The Committee of this Chamber has had its attention drawn to a contributed article entitled "The Hongkong Hundred" which appeared in the "Daily Press" of this morning and has noted that similar expressions of opinion have been voiced before in the Press of the Colony.

If these be views held by the Community generally, I suggest that the time would appear to be appropriate for the institution by the Government of a scheme of registration similar to that initiated by Lord Derby in Great Britain.

If the Military Authorities should be eventually of the opinion that men could be spared from the defence of the Colony for the front, I trust that H.E.'s views will be that such men should be first forthcoming from the Regulars, Territorial Force and lastly from the Volunteer Forces.

British Firms and British Banks have done, and are desirous of doing, everything in their power to further the cause of victory and towards this end it has constantly been impressed upon them that it is of the utmost importance to foster the export and overseas-carrying trade of Great Britain and to maintain the income derived from business generally—this they are endeavouring to do to the best of their ability with considerably depleted staffs already engaged in certain Military Duties.

It is causing annoyance to British Firms to read such views as have been circulated doubtless without much thought or real knowledge of the situation and the Mercantile Community would welcome a definite expression of opinion from the Government on the matter.

The Committee, regarding the subject as of immediate public interest, has directed that copies of this communication shall be handed to the Press without waiting for your reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. LANDALE,

Chairman.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

ALLEGED TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

THE CASE OF THORESEN AND CO.

The case in which Messrs Thoresen and Co., of Queen's Road Central, are summoned for trading with the enemy, was continued before Mr Hazeland at the Magistracy this morning.

Mr G. N. Orme, of the Crown Solicitor's Department, appeared to prosecute, and Mr F. C. Jenkin instructed by Mr A. M. Preston to defend.

Charles William Olsen said he was acting manager of the defendant firm at the time of the alleged offence. The goods were shipped by Duff and Co., of Sweden to the Fukien Drug Co., of Amoy. They were shipped by "the East Asiatic Co. s s "Arabian." His firm were the agents for that company, and as such agents transhipped these goods, and, their agency fees would be 25 cents. For the purpose of that transhipment he obtained from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports a permission to export in the form produced. At that time he honestly believed that was all he had to do. He took the same view as that of the shipping witness, that before Notification 460 of October 14, transhipment of goods to enemy firms in China was not forbidden.

By Mr Orme—While the goods were in course of transhipment in Hongkong they were in the Kowloon godowns, who would be responsible to his firm as agents for the East Asiatic Co.

Mr Orme said that the evidence for the prosecution was in the documents put in—the letter addressed by the defendant firm to Pasedag and Co. enclosing a bill of lading for certain goods sent to order. It was admitted by one of the defendant firm that Pasedag and Co. would have been entitled to take over those goods. Whether ultimately they would go to the Fukien Drug Co or whether Pasedag and Co. would smuggle them away was not relevant. When that letter was written and the bill of lading was sent the offence of "attempting to supply" was committed. There were several cases, one in that morning's paper. A great point was made by the defence of the word "transhipment," and of the fact that that word was not introduced into any of the Ordinances or Proclamations dealing with Trading with the Enemy until the notification of October 14. That was easily explained. Ordinances were framed in words which were plain and easily understood, while the sense of "transhipment," was simply "transfer from one ship to another."

His Worship—What do you say about the permission given by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports?

Mr Orme—There is nothing in it to show the goods were destined for Pasedag and Co.

Mr Jenkin—No, it would not state Pasedag & Co., because they were not the consignees. The Fukien Drug Co. were the consignees.

Mr Orme, continuing, said that the defence made another point of not getting anything out of the transaction. That was a very small point in their favour. The enemy firms who might have the disposal of the goods would be so much the better off. As to the destination of the goods being the Fukien Drug Co., there were no means of saying what the relations of Pasedag and Co. with the Fukien Drug Co. might be or what share of the profits, Pasedag and Co. were taking. It might be that they were using the Fukien Drug Co. as a cloak for the goods they were taking in.

Mr Orme went on to recapitulate the main facts and to deal with cases at Home.

Mr Jenkin said that the evidence of all the witnesses, including the Crown witnesses, was that what the defendant firm did in the Colony was merely to tranship, and the Crown Advocate had said that transhipment was no offence. In this case the goods were to be delivered to an innocuous Chinese firm in Amoy. There was no evidence to support the suggestion that Pasedag and Co. were interested in the Fukien Drug Co. He submitted that the supply of the goods was by a Swedish firm and that the people to whom they were supplied was the Fukien Drug Co. There was no evidence that anything passed, or could pass, to the German flag.

Mr Hazeland, in giving judgment, said:—I propose to convict the defendant firm on the first summons. The second summons I propose to dismiss. I am of opinion that Mr Olsen showed certain slackness and carelessness in not having noticed Notification 331 which provided for certain cancellation of licences. He also did not seem to observe the fact that the original licence although it said "German firm," it also mentioned a specific sum. With respect to the second summons I propose to decide the case, having regard to the construction which is placed on the word "transmission" in Proclamation No. 380. It is a rule of law with respect to that branch of our law known as the Interpretation of a Statute that when the subject is deprived of his Common Law rights it must be stated in clear and distinct language. The word 'Transhipment' is a word in every day use amongst shipping people, and if it was intended that the word 'Transmission' included 'Transhipment,' I am of opinion that that fact should have been distinctly stated *a fortiori* in a place like Hongkong with its large shipping. There had evidently been some difficulty with respect to this question, because on October 14 a Notification (No 460) was issued in the *Gazette* to the effect that *transhipment* facilities would not be granted in this Colony."

His Worship imposed a fine of $150 on the first summons, the other summons being dismissed.

COURT MARTIAL SENTENCE.

Corpl. George Martin of the H.K.V.R. was to-night reduced to the ranks on the charge of neglecting to attend duty, for which he was tried a few days ago by Court-Martial.

Capt. and Adjutant Brutton read the Court's sentence at a special parade.

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1916		1916	1916			
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Jan. 16	KASHMIR	Jan. 24	Jan. 28	KARMALA	Feb. 26	Mar. 4
Jan. 30	SARDINIA	Feb. 7	Feb. 11	KHYBER	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
Feb. 12	NAMUR	Feb. 20	Feb. 24	MEDINA †	Mar. 25	April 1
Feb. 27	NANKIN	Mar. 6	Mar. 10	MONGOLIA	April 8	April 15
Mar. 12	NOVARA	Mar. 20	Mar. 24	MALWA	April 22	April 29
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Boston & New York	Kathlamba	The Bank Line, Ld.	About Jan. 15.
B'bay, v. S'pore, C'bo	Penang Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 3.
Haiphong	Sungkiang	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 28, at 9 a.m.
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Haiphong & Pakhoi	Kaijo Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
Honolulu via Japan &c	Kiyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 8.
London & Bombay &c	Nankin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 30.
London & Bombay &c	Novara	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 14.
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Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Taming	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 4, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'tralian Port.	Changsha	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 21.
Mar., London &c.	Kashima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at Noon.
Mar., London &c.	Mishima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 13, at Noon.
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San Francisco v. Japan	Shinyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Dec. 29, at Noon.
San F'cisco, v. Japan	Chiyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 25, at Noon.
San F'cisco, v. Japan	Persia Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 31, at Noon.
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Shanghai	Chenan	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 26, Daylight.
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Shanghai	Hopsang	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 25, Daylight.
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S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Colombo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 25.
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S'pore, P'ang & Cal'ta	Kumsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 31, at 3 p.m.
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Kowloon	6.40	7.08	9.30	11.25	12.05	1.48	*4.00	5.18	7.20
Hung Hom	6.44	—	9.34	11.29	—	1.52	—	5.22	—
Yau Ma Ti	6.49	—	9.40	11.36	—	1.57	—	5.27	7.27
Sha Tin	7.00	—	9.52	11.48	—	2.09	—	5.38	7.39
Tai Po	7.13	—	10.07	12.02	—	2.22	—	5.52	7.53
Tai Po Market	7.17	—	10.12	12.08	—	2.26	—	5.56	—
Fan Ling	7.26	—	10.22	12.19	—	2.35	—	6.04	8.06
Sheung Shui	7.29	—	10.25	12.22	—	2.38	—	6.07	8.10
Shum Chun	7.34	7.53	10.30	1.20	12.50	2.43	4.45	6.12	8.16
Canton	—	10.40	—	6.10	3.40	—	7.33	—	—

Sundays and Public Holidays only.

Kowloon 8.48 a.m. Tai Po 9.10 Sheung Shui 9.28 Shum Chun 9.33
,, 1.28 p.m. ,, 2.13 (tiffin train)

IN

Canton	7.00	—	—	—	12.00	4.20	—	—	—
Shum Chun	9.50	8.05	*10.13	11.35	2.52	7.12	5.30	6.29	9.06
Sheung Shui	—	8.12	10.19	11.41	—	—	5.37	6.29	9.13
Fan Ling	—	8.16	10.23	11.44	—	—	5.40	6.32	9.16
Tai Po Market	—	8.26	10.31	11.55	—	—	5.49	6.40	—
Tai Po	—	8.32	10.34	12.01	—	—	5.53	6.43	9.27
Sha Tin	—	8.44	10.47	12.20	—	—	6.04	—	—
Yau Ma Ti	—	8.56	10.58	12.33	—	—	6.15	—	—
Hung Hom	—	9.02	—	12.37	—	—	6.20	—	—
Kowloon	10.30	9.05	11.04	12.40	3.32	7.52	6.23	7.08	9.52

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Fan Ling	Dep.	7.30	12.30	3.30	6.10
Sha Tau Kok	Arr.	8.15	1.15	*4.15	6.55

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COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report, dated 23rd December, state:

The activity in shipping shares reported in our last under date of the 15th instant has been well maintained during the interval, and since the passing of the December settlement yesterday a further sharp advance in these securities has been established, as also in Cements, and to a certain extent in Sugars. The market generally closes firm, and with a good enquiry for the stocks above indicated. Standard Tin closes at £167½ and £168½ for cash and three months' delivery respectively, and Plantation Rubber at 3/6½ per lb firm. Bar Silver is quoted to-day at 25 15/16d. Sterling T.T. at 1/10⅛, Shanghai T.T. at 75, and Singapore T.T. at 81½. The Bank's buying rate for 3 d/s bills on Shanghai has advanced to 75½.

Banks:—Hongkong and Shanghais continue a quiet market with small sales round about $800 and probable further buyers at the rate.

Marine Insurances:—Unions have been sold during the week at $900, and further small parcels could probably be placed at this figure. Cantons at the reduced quotation of $415 have been booked to a small extent, and further shares are on offer. North Chinas are unchanged at Tls 177½, and Yangtszes at $220 with exchange 73.

Fire Insurances:—Chinas have been booked at $150, and Hongkong at $407, the latter closing in further request.

Shipping:—Douglases after improving to $94 in the earlier part of the period under review remained fairly steady until yesterday when the rate suddenly advanced to $98 with a further improvement to-day to $101 at which the market closes firm. Indo-Chinas have also participated in the improvement, the closing rates being firm at $165 for the Combined, and $109 for the Deferred. The Preferred stock has declined to a selling quotation of $58, and the offer of a slightly lower rate would probably be accepted. Steamboats are in request at $20, and Star Ferries close neglected with a nominal quotation of $377½.

Oils:—Shells are unchanged at 35/- buyers, after sales at the rate. An interim dividend of 2/- per share on this stock has been announced, and this will probably be paid in London early in January. Ural Caspians have declined to 35/- sellers, and Langkats to Tls 35½ buyers after sales at Tls 36½ and Tls 36.

Refineries:—China Sugars after sales at $124 and $125 prior to the settlement have improved to-day to $128 at which rate the market closes firm, sellers now holding for $130. Luzons continue on offer at $37, and without business to report.

Mining:—Kailans are unchanged at 30/- nominal. Tronohs could be placed to a limited extent at 26/-, and Raubs at $3.35.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again been done at $84 and close in further request. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves continue firm at $77, and close with buyers at this rate after sales. New Engineerings are quoted in the North at Tls 9 buyers, Shanghai Docks at Tls 60 sellers, and Hongkew Wharves at Tls 98 nominal.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands continue quiet with a nominal quotation of $103½. Central Estates are wanted at $101, Humphreys Estates at $5.60, West Points at $74, and Kowloon Lands at $40.

Cotton Mills:—The market in the North continues more or less lifeless, and quotations given are purely nominal. Our latest advices are as follows:—Ewos Tls 135, Internationals Tls 73, Kung Yiks Tls 13¾ to Tls 14, Laou Kung Mows Tls 86½ sales, Soy Chees Tls 45, and Yangtszepoos Tls 63½.

Miscellaneous:—China Borneos continue in request at $1 1/16, China Providents can be placed at $9.70, and Peak Trams at $10. Green Island Cements after further sales at $9.80 advanced suddenly yesterday to a buying quotation of $10½, with a further improvement to-day to $10.80 at which rate a fairly extensive business has been transacted. Dairy Farms continue on offer at $30, and Ropes are obtainable at the reduced quotation of $34. Hongkong China Trams have been bought at 80½, and China Lights at 84½. There are sellers of Union Water Boats at $16, and of Powells at $6.

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9.15 a.m.—Military Service conducted by the Chaplain of the Forces.

11 a.m.—Matins. Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle. Collection for the Diocesan Girls Schools.

12 noon.—Holy Communion.

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Gunner F. G. Samways joined the Corps on 22. 12. 15, allotted Corps No. 1951, and was posted to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

LEAVE.

Pte. A. M. Costa is granted leave of absence from 23. 12. 15 to 13. 1. 16.

CIVIL SERVICE COMPANY.

In future the Civil Service Co. will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters on Wednesdays (instead of Tuesdays) commencing on Wednesday 29th inst. All existing exemptions from the weekly parade are hereby cancelled. The undermentioned members have been appointed to the Company Shooting Committee. Sergt. Bullock, Corpl. Vergette, LcCp. Edmonds, LcCpl. Clarke, Pte. Douglas and Pte. Ralston.

The first meeting of the Committee will be held after parade on Wednesday 29th instant.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 9 p.m.	To-day at 9 a.m.	To-day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.25	30.27	30 18
Temperature	61	57	65
Humidity	46	65	43
Direction of Wind	SE	E	W
Force	4	1	2
Weather	b	b	c
Rain	—	—	—

Highest upon the temperatures on the 23rd: 68. Lowest upon the temperatures on the 22nd: 54.

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 24, 1915.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 25th, Monday the 27th December, and Saturday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 26th Dec., and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holiday.

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—

$0.60 for the first lb. or fraction thereof.
$0.30 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:—

Salamis *Novara*
Glenlogan *Yokuhama Maru*
Empire

Inward Mails.

Europe (London 28th Nov., via Siberia), *Anhui*, 24th Dec.

Europe (London 24th Nov., via Siberia), *Sinking*, 26th Dec.

Mails will close for:—

FORT BAYARD.
Per *Chongsu*, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

HAIPHONG.
Per **Taiwan Maru*, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

STRAITS, BURMAH & INDIA Via CALCUTTA.
Per *Kaga Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

HAIPHONG.
Per **Sungkiang*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

BANGKOK.
Per *Halveird*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

HONGAY.
Per *Fausang*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA Via TAMSUI.
Per *Doijin Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 26th Dec.

HAIPHONG.
Per *Hunoi*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 26th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Himun*, at noon, on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Tean*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th Dec.

* Superscribed correspondence only.



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To-day's Advertisements

LIST OF UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS LYING IN THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO'S. OFFICE AT HONGKONG.

ADDRESS	STATION FROM
A. Abraham & Co.	Calcutta.
Broadley Carlton Hotel	Shanghai.
Burkill	Saigon.
Calcoy	New York.
Lloyd 12 Queen's Road	Pnompenh.
Loo 27 Leighton Hill Road	Hanoi.
Mann Eastern Extension	Singapore.
Manwaring	London
Mrs. Nicholas Post Office	Shanghai.
Rice c/o American Consul	Oakland.
Sinyuenshan c/o Yeechang & Co.	Shanghai.
Toney Standard Oil	Manila.
Wanfoong	Singapore.
Yasuda Tokyo Hotel	Dairen.
Yuenloong Kumyuetong	Singapore.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent

Hongkong, Dec 24, 1915. 1098

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD. OF DENMARK.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

Date received.	From	Addressed.
3rd Nov.	Dairen	Kogak kuye c/o Matsubara Hotel.
7th Nov.	Amoy	Bien, Hongkong Hotel.
11th Nov.	Shanghai	Miss Reed, Hongkong Hotel.
11th Nov.	Shanghai	Kwangziangsung, Yongsung Street.
15th Nov.	Osaka	Fookhing.
17th Nov.	Amarube	Tsuchina.
17th Nov.	Osaka	Matsushito c/o Osakashosen.
18th Nov.	Tokio	Matsuo, Japanese Consulate.
19th Nov.	Shanghai	Woo, Kwangtai Godown.
23rd Nov.	Amoy	Hongbeechan.
26th Nov.	Tsubakidomari	Senzaki c/o Taiheiyoko.

Hongkong Station,
W. E. SCHRODER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1915. 1094

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

Sideboards, Dinner Wagon, Dining Tables and Chairs, 2 Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, &c., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Double and Single Bedsteads, and miscellaneous Furniture, several lots of Blackwood Ware, One Set Saddlery (complete), 2 Carpets and Four Pianos, etc., etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

TERMS:—Cash

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1915. 1097

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 23.

Castlefield, British str., 1,022, W. Ross, Shanghai Dec. 20, General.—CHINESE.

Chao Chowfu, British str., 1,183, J. De Wolf, Bangkok Dec. 19, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 24.

Salamis, British steamer, 4,500, P. A. Gardiner, Cape Town Nov. 17, General.—BLANC LINE, LD.

Kaga Maru, Japanese str., 3,633, B. Tuda, Moji Dec. 19, General.—N. Y. K.

Anhui, British str., 1,258, C. W. Eedy, Shanghai Dec. 21, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Toowan, Chinese str., 942, J. Mackie, Shanghai Dec. 21, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Hopeang, British str., from Canton.

Upolu, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 24.

Empire, for Shanghai and Yokohama.
Hongkong, for Haiphong and Haiphong.
Shantung, for Shanghai.
Wollowra, for Singapore.
Foochow, for Shanghai.
Chengtu, for Wuhu.
Kwonglee, for Shanghai.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Luzon Maru, for Singapore and Bombay.
Tungsu, for Swatow and Bangkok.
Ryusho Maru, for Dairen.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chao Chowfu* from Bangkok reports: Very strong monsoon.

TO LET

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11 and 13 GAGE STREET, From 1st January, 1916.

Apply to.—

J. VINCENT BRAGA.
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Hongkong, Nov. 15, 1915. 978

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A HOUSE in Kautaford Terrace.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, Nov. 3, 1915.

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Outhouses and Grass Tennis Court.

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No. 1, MORETON TERRACE, Causeway Bay.

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Nos. 1, 2 & 3 West End Terrace, CANTON.

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Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1915. 940

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FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

Apply to—

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Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1915. 619

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Other Vessels.

The s.s. *Glenlogan* is expected here from London on the 21st December.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Monteagle*, left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 22nd December, due to arrive at Vancouver on Saturday, the 1st January.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd's s.s. *Mausang* left Sandakan on the 18th Dec., due here on the 24th December.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Namsang* left Singapore on the 13th December, due Hongkong on the 25th December.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Kutsang* left Calcutta on the 19th December, due Hongkong on the 4th January.

Latest Advices.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday, the 22nd December, at 2 p.m.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 24, 1915.

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/- 10⅛
On demand	1/- 10⅛
30 days' sight	1/- 10⅛
4 months' sight	1/- 11⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/- 11⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 11⅛
On Paris—	
On demand	263½
Credits, 4 months' sight	274
On Berlin—	
On demand	——
On New York—	
On demand	44⅛
Credits, 60 days' sight	——
On Bombay—	
Wire	——
On demand	142⅛
On Calcutta—	
Wire	——
On demand	142½
On Singapore—	
On demand	81
On Manila—	
On demand	90½ n.
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75
30 days' sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand	89
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	88.80
Sovereigns (Banks' Buying rate)	$10.55 r.
Silver (per oz.)	25⅛ d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	7 % n.p.
Chinese Copper Cash	par
Chinese Copper Cents	4 % dis.
Rate of Native Interest	4 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	18½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	10½ % dis.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 24th at 10.45.—The anticyclone has moved rapidly eastward. It is now central over mid Japan.

A depression has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Pressure changes in the South are small.

The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Sharp Peak. It will remain fresh to moderate over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 25th:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 24, 1915.

OFFICIAL MORNING QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.	return on basis of last dividend.
BANKS.					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	$125 all	$800 London.—		8 o/o
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Canton Insurance Office Ld.	10,000	$200	$50	$415	5½ o/o
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 177½	
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	12,400	$250	$140	$900	5½ o/o
Yangtsze Insurance Assoc., Ld.	12,000	$100	$60	$230 @ Ex. 73	
FIRE INSURANCES.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$100	$20	$150 buyers	5½ o/o
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ld.	8,000	$625	$50	$407 b'yrs	6½ o/o
DOCKS, ETC.					
H'kong & Wpoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$50	all	$83½ b'yrs	5½ o/o
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 60	
New Engineering & S.B. Works Ld.	150,000	Tls. 5	all	Tls. 9 buyers	
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.					
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$50	all	$100 buyers	5 o/o
H.K., C. & M.S. B. Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	all	$20 buyers	4½ o/o
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd	60,000	£5 all		Comb. $164 b'yrs Preferred $57 sellers	
	60,000			Def. $103 b'yrs	
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	40,000	$10	all	$377½	4½ o/o
Shell Trans. & Trad. Co., Ld.	4,047,610	£1	all	35/6 buyers	7½ o/o
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited	10,000	$100	all	$128 buyers	
Luzon Sugar Company Limited	1,000	$10	all	$37	
WHARVES.					
H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	$50	all	$77 buyers	4½ o/o
Shanghai & Hangkew Wharf Co.	60,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$100	all	$103½	3½ o/o
Hongkong Central Estate Ld.	10,000	$10	all	$101 buyers	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co. Ld.	25,000	$10	$75	$200	
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ld.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 107	
Kowloon Land & Building Co. Ld.	6,000	$55	$30	$40 buyers	7½ o/o
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	$10	all	$5.60 buyers	6½ o/o
West Point Building Co., Ld.	12,000	$50	all	$74 buyers	6 o/o
TRAMWAYS.					
The Peak Tramways Co., Ld.	25,000	$10	all	$13 buyers	7 o/o
	50,000	$10	$1	85 cts. buyers	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	325,000	$1	all	$5½ buyers	4½ o/o
MINING.					
Ural Caspian Oil Corpn. Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	all	35/-	
Chinese Engin. Mining Co., Ld.	1,000,000	£1	all	30/-	
Tronoh Mines, Limited	160,000	£1	all	26/- buyers	
Raub Aus. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£1	all	$3.35 buyers	
HOTELS, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.	20,000	$50	all	$108 buyers	5 o/o
DISPENSARIES.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	80,000	$15	all	$64	9 o/o
LIGHTING.					
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$14	4½ o/o
COTTON MILLS.					
S'hai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	40,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 86 sales & buyers	
Kung Yik Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld.	100,000	Tls. 10	all	Tls. 13½ buyers	
International Cotton Manufing Co. Ld	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 72	
Laou Kung Mow Cotton S. & W. Company, Limited	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 71	
Soeychee Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 43	
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Company Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 135	
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	400,000	$10	all	$10.65 b'yrs 10.85 sales	4½ o/o
Union Waterboat Co. Limited	50,000	$19	all	$16	6 o/o
Hongkong Dairy Farm Company	40,000	$7½	all	$30	3½ o/o
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	6,500	$25	all	$190	4½ o/o
H.K. Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	60,000	$15	all	$33	6 o/o
Maatschappij tot Mijn, Bosbouw Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat	250,000	G.10	all	Tls. 35½ buyers	
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	$10	all	$9.70 buyers	7 o/o
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	all	$10½ b'yrs	8½ o/o
Wm. Powell, Limited	21,000	$7	all	$6	7½ o/o
South China Morning Post	6,000	$25	all	$28	
China Light & Power Company	50,000	$5	all	$4.80 sales	
	50,000	$1	all		
Steam Laundry Co., Limited	20,000	$5	all	$3½	7½ o/o

LOAN.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotations.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 787,200	Tls. 250	7 % p annum	Par

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